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**House Bill 4198 (As Introduced)**

**Topic:** Downtown Development Authorities  
**Sponsor:** Representative LaJoy  
**Co-sponsors:** Representatives Mortimer, Sheltroun, Gosselin, Nitz, Casperson, Taub,  
and Baxter  
**Committee:** House Commerce

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House Bill 4198 amends the Downtown Development Authority Act (1975 PA 197) to expand the authority of downtown development authorities. Specifically, the bill allows authorities to evaluate, develop, and implement programs designed to inform and attract potential customers and tenants to the downtown district and to retain existing customers and tenants, which programs, in the opinion of the board, are expected to aid in the economic vitality and growth of the downtown district.